

# RMC Succumbs to UNO



Whether it was in Gunnison, Colorado, or in the University Fieldhouse Saturday night, the University of Nebraska at Omaha was flexing championship muscles in its first full year in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

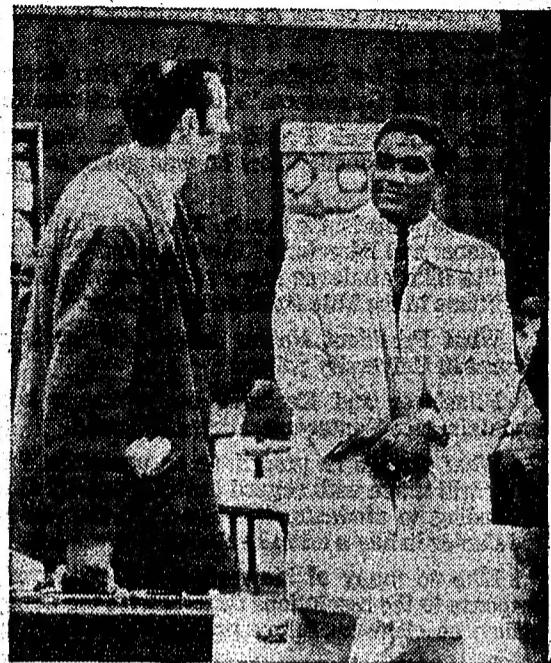
In Omaha, first year coach Bob Hanson's hustling cagers scuttled Adams State, 84-78, for the RMC Basketball Championship.

A few hours later, in Gunnison, Colo., well-known UNO wrestling coach Don Benning led his squad to the first RMC wrestling championship by a team outside Colorado in 37 years.

Again, it was Arthur Allen who led Hanson's odds-defying basketballers—he had 32 points. On the mat, Benning and Co. produced a few surprises. Gaining individual championships were Mel Washington (of course), Jordan Smith, Bruce Strauss and Landy Waller.

To the left is Bob Hanson—to the right, Don Benning (with Sports Information Director Fred Gerardi): both have to be UNO Coaches of the Year.

For more details on the exciting title battles, see Page 4.



## Faculty to Participate In Activity Budgeting

By JOHN MARKEY

UNO President Kirk E. Naylor stated Thursday in a Gateway interview his reason for altering a University Senate resolution to give the Student Senate Student Activities Budget control powers.

The resolution was passed by the University Senate; it had been recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Demands and Grievances.

Naylor changed the resolution to the effect that a committee is to be formed of three University Senators and three Student Senators, who are to compose a preliminary budget which would have to be approved by the Student Senate and then Naylor.

### 'Both Groups Necessary'

About the change Naylor said, "With moneys of this amount involved, I think it is necessary to have consideration by both students and faculty."

The resolution was the only one of ten submitted to Naylor that received any alteration. The resolution stated that the Student Senate would make up the Student Activities Budget and then offer it to Naylor for his final approval.

Only if the budget was altered 10 per cent in one year or 15 per cent in two was the University Senate to okay it.

Another resolution, 465, which basically said that all counselors and advisers should give individualized assistance, is taking effect immediately.

### Notifications Same Day

In a press statement issued Thursday morning Naylor said he would "press for implementation of these recommendations as soon as possible." By Thursday afternoon, he said the personnel concerned had already been notified.

On the matter of Resolution 454 which urged the University take no disciplinary action against the black students involved in the Nov. 12 sit-in, the President offered no comment—either in his press statement or in the interview.

In the past he had said the matter was no longer in his hands.

Naylor concluded the Ad Hoc Committee had done a good job and that UNO would be a "better university because of it." On the committee's findings he said that it brought out "no problems that I was unaware of."

## Spring Enrollment Up

Enrollment at the UNO has reached an official second-semester record high total of 10,800 students, Registrar Virgil Sharpe said Wednesday.

The total compares with 10,010 last year at this time. The new figure includes 5,634 full-time students (carrying 12 or more hours) and 5,246 part-time students.

Last fall, UNO had 12,120 students. Sharpe pointed out that traditionally there is a

drop in enrollment between fall and spring semesters.

Currently, there are 8,665 resident students and 2,215 non-resident students. There are 7,156 men students and 3,724 women students.

Fully 4,372 students attend day classes only, and 3,646 attend night classes only. There are 2,848 students enrolled for both day and evening classes. There also are 14 auditors.

## Final Speaker Tonight

The chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard will be the final speaker in this year's "Black American" lecture series at UNO.

Tonight at eight in the Library Conference Center auditorium, Dr. Ewart Guinier will discuss "Caste and Class in Black Society."

Read "Brown Baggin' It" on Page 3 for more details.

# The Gateway

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## PE Students' Action Alters Turf Plans

By MIKE MEICHES

An eleventh hour resolution proposed by physical education fraternity Phi Epsilon Kappa (PEK) has altered original Fieldhouse renovation plans.

Fraternity members and University officials conferred over three hours Saturday morning and recommended the University accept one-quarter inch Pro-turf as a covering for the Fieldhouse floor.

A one-quarter inch turf made by the Uni-turf Corporation had originally been accepted by UNO at a cost of \$80,047. The Pro-turf surface is expected to

cost approximately \$800 more.

The recommendations made to George Rachford, vice-president of campus development, must now receive President Kirk Naylor's approval.

There will be no delay in construction progress on the work to install the synthetic surface. Renovation began Monday.

The reverse decision came after two days of meetings, an extensive re-investigation of regional athletic plants where artificial material is used, and presentations by representatives from Uni-turf and Pro-turf companies.

PEK started their movement Thursday, when four members (Lou Fiorelli, Robin Cummings, Tom Marzullo and Don Cima) attended a joint Student and University Senate Athletic Committee meeting. They presented a petition asking the administration to re-consider the one-fourth Uni-turf surfacing. Their reasons were:

- 1) There has been a lack of

A unanimous decision was reached Saturday morning by a special Fieldhouse study committee on reasons for accepting one-fourth inch pro turf as a covering for the Fieldhouse floor:

1. In view of ten sights visited where synthetic material was in evidence, Pro-turf was able to stand up in better conditions;
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3. Pro-turf lends itself to an additional lamination;
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5. Pro-turf is odor-free;
6. Pro-turf has an ease in marking and laying out lines on courts; and,
7. Pro-turf has a high resistance to injury for both male and female students.

research into the merits and disadvantages of Uni-turf.

- 2) Other universities have used Uni-turf surfacing and have found the quality grossly unsatisfactory.

3) Neither the athletes, nor the athletic committee, nor the Student Senate, nor anyone directly concerned was consulted by the administration.

### No 'Spoon-Feeding'

The petition concluded: "We therefore insist that the administration further investigate the proposed Uni-turf, and more (Continued on Page 4)

## History Group Meets

Several hundred persons and historians from throughout the midlands are expected to attend the 13th annual Missouri Valley History Conference March 12-14 at the Fontenelle Hotel.

The event is sponsored by UNO Department of History, in cooperation with the Division of Community Services, College of Continuing Studies.

Dr. Richard Overfield, UNO assistant professor of history, is program chairman.

Among the speakers is Professor Douglas Pike, now visiting Commonwealth Scholar at St. John's College, Cambridge, England.

Pike is a member of the faculty at Australian National University and is the author of many publications dealing with the history of Australia. These include "Paradise of Dissent: South Australia, 1829-1857," and "Australia: The Quiet Continent."

Pike will speak at UNO, March 11 at 9:30 a.m., in the Conference Center auditorium. His topic will be "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Australian will deliver a paper on "The Wooing Ways of Edward Gibbon Wakefield" during a dinner meeting March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

UNO faculty members presenting papers include Harl Dahlstrom and William C. Pratt.

Papers to be presented cover a wide variety of topics including "The New Left and American Labor Historiography" and "Nebraska's Populists and Democrats: The Experiment with Fusion before 1869."

Topics for various conference sessions will include "Anti New Deal Politics in Nebraska," "Minorities in the United States" and "19th and 20th Century Britain."

Overfield said "Students are welcomed to come and attend a meeting, but if they attend regularly they must purchase a registration fee in the Conference Center."

Student fees are \$3 and the public may attend by purchasing a registration fee of \$4.50.

## Editorials

## Waiting Continues

The operation of the Student Center is the prime problem area on campus as far as the majority of UNO students are concerned.

That was the finding of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Demands and Grievances' student questionnaire in December.

Just last week President Kirk E. Naylor indicated to the University community how he was going to approach the Center situation.

In the president's words, Dean of Student Personnel Donald Pflasterer and Director of Business and Finance Harold Keefover are "to take whatever steps are necessary to improve operating conditions in the Milo Bail Student Center."

What President Naylor has asked for is not necessarily a change in University policy.

Pflasterer and Keefover have always been empowered to maintain good Center operating conditions.

What change in procedure or personnel Pflasterer and Keefover will make with regard to the Center is difficult to ascertain. According to students, the direction the two have thus far led the Center in has a lot to be desired.

Like so many of his replies to Senate resolutions, Naylor's response to the resolutions dealing with the Center deal in present-policy, no clear-cut future proposal-type terminology.

In not indicating any specific action for the future (except the Student Senate-Student Activities Budget and Ombudsman items), Naylor was probably reacting in a role indicative of a state university (public opinion-run) president.

The Gateway, despite feeling a more optimistic presidential response was warranted by the results of the December questionnaire, supports the president's response pattern in general.

That is to say, the Gateway supports what Naylor seemed to be saying throughout his replies (published in the Feb. 27 Gateway): something needs to be done in the University areas pointed out by the Ad Hoc Committee and the University Senate.

Whether something is done is now in the hands of key administrators—hands like those of the Dean of Student Personnel and the Director of Business and Finance.

The Gateway and the student body are still waiting.

## An Historical Weekend

In what has to be recorded as one of the outstanding UNO-OU athletic weekends in the school's history, two conference championships were earned and a track unbeaten skein extended.

Coaches Bob Hanson, Don Benning and Lloyd Cardwell are bringing the University back into the area collegiate athletic picture.

Move over Creighton and Lincoln—the past weekend, at least, belongs to UNO.

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## Letters to the Editor

Sir:

I write in reference to Mr. Stuart Jones' rebuttal to Prof. L. D. Willard's remarks concerning a religious testimonial during half-time at a recent UNO athletic event.

I write not to defend Willard (indeed, he hardly needs any defense from me!), but rather to analyze Jones' analysis of the issue, for it is, to be quite frank, a model of fuzzy logic and preassumed conclusions.

Jones states "all criticisms of Athletes in Action should be made within the framework of this (Jones' thesis-anti-thesis) analysis." This preassumes the question of religion can be placed in such a framework and decided once and for all, to everyone's satisfaction.

Two thousand years of controversy and debate have shown that it cannot!

How can one claim to deal rationally with a thesis whose basis is not rational at all, but rather personal and psychological?

But, back to the central issue. Constitutional law is not concerned with the truth or falsehood of religious ideas. If it were, it would be useless as a legal document.

Rather, by the First Amendment, it disassociates itself from the religious controversy; not (as most religious people seem to feel) as an attempt to make us all atheistic. Rather, the strict separation of Church and State serves as a reminder to us all that religion is not a cut-and-dried, true-false affair.

As far as the Law is concerned, religious "Truth" is, indeed, relative.

Finally, Willard's case is not based on his own personal feelings about religion, but rather (as I read his letter) on the fact that the aforementioned testimonial was, in fact, a violation of this law.

This was the gist of his statement, and his emphasis was

not misplaced, as Jones has suggested.

If Willard had wanted to complain about religion per se, I'm sure he would have done so. But the testimonial was, in fact, a technical, if not flagrant, violation of the First Amendment (as upheld by the courts).

The use of the UNO Fieldhouse as a public arena to preach Christianity is a case of using publicly-owned facilities for religious purposes, an action strictly forbidden by law.

Centuries of intolerance, controversy and abuse have taught us that separation of Church and State is the only workable solution to the matter of religion in Civil Law.

I therefore support Willard in his suggestion that, while the Athletes in Action have every right to worship in any form they wish, it is incumbent upon them to find a more appropriate arena in which to disseminate their beliefs.

Frank R. Sledge  
 President  
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## Tea Cancelled

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## Brown Baggin' It

By RICHARD D. BROWN

Two weeks ago College of Continuing Studies Dean William T. Utley and President Kirk Naylor made front page news for allowing black militant Herman Ferguson to speak on campus.

Tonight (Wednesday) at 8 in the Gene Eppley Conference Center Auditorium, the fourth and last lecture in this year's "Black America" series package will be given by Ewart Guinier, chairman of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Harvard University. The department he heads now offers 15 courses in black studies.

Guinier, before assuming his position as departmental chairman and professor at Harvard, was Associate Director of the Urban Center of Columbia University and worked as a community relations leader and management consultant executive.

Columbia Teachers College and New York City College in addition to Harvard are institutions of higher education which Guinier attended prior to getting his J.D. degree from the New York University Law School.

The 1949 Labor Party candidate for Manhattan Borough President has helped the Queens Urban League create the Jamaica Coordinating Council for the redevelopment of the Jamaica area. He also was instrumental in transforming the Brownsville Community Corporation into one of the nation's few wide-ranging and more importantly, successful, anti-poverty agencies.

The subject of Guinier's lecture will be "The Caste and Class in Black Society—Past, Present and Future."

Although Guinier's talk tonight, which is free to the public, will be decisively less militant than the lecture given by Ferguson on the same stage two weeks ago, it should be of interest to the University community as another of this year's four-speaker lecture series offering diversified viewpoints on the plight and future of black America.

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"A total piece of theater, highly contemporary in theme, with some songs, a little dancing, much humor, and moments of warmth and seriousness" is how Robert Moore, associate director of the University Theatre describes his upcoming production "The Hostage."

The "tragi comedy" cast already hard at work on the March 20-22 production includes Mary Beth Martin, Richard Le Vene, John Johnston, Kathy Cain, Walter Barry, Rita Pastowitz and David Johnson.

The "Hostage" plot centers around the capture of a young English soldier by an underground Irish Republican Army in Dublin, Ireland. A future column will discuss the production further and take a in-depth look at UNO's University Theatre, past, present and future.

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### ODDS & ENDS . . .

The UNO Angel Flight Club is now taking applications for membership through March 6. Applications to join the campus branch of the national service organization are available at a table in the Student Center lobby. All girls who are second semester freshmen with at least a 2.3 accumulative grade point average are eligible to join.

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Ssgt. Nicholas Wegner of Boystown has been offered an undisclosed cut in the proceeds of the Epic recording "He Ain't Heavy, He's Me Brother" by an English group, The Hollies. The recording which expounds Boys Town's 30-year-old slogan is currently in the Top Ten nationwide and is nearly a million-seller.

Maybe one of UNO's student leaders—Mike Nolan, Jericho Honore or Danny Powers, for example—would want to write a song about UNO or one of the current campus problems. Although it might not sell too well, it might be a good way to get UNO's name spread nationwide.

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Pi Kappa Alpha received the fraternity scholarship trophy for the second consecutive year. The group's grade-point average stands at 2.45.

Names of the award winners were announced Friday night during the 22nd annual Greek Week banquet in the Student Center Ballroom.

Zadina, Belik Outstanding Chosen Outstanding Fraternity Pledge was Lambda Chi Alpha member Jim Zadina, present treasurer of the Student Senate. Joyce Belik, Alpha Xi Delta, received the Outstanding Sorority Pledge award.

Susan Haas was named the Panhellenic Girl of the Year; she received the \$100 award from Omaha City Panhellenic.

A junior majoring in education, Miss Haas is a Chi Omega and was named the outstanding sorority pledge during Greek Week two years ago.

Trophy awards for top scholarship went to Kathleen Cross and Jeanne Blakey Brayman. Both are members of Chi Omega.

Cross, a senior majoring in music, has had a 4-point (straight "A") grade-point average for five consecutive semesters.

Gamma Phi Pair Top Brayman, a January UNO graduate, held a Regents Scholarship.

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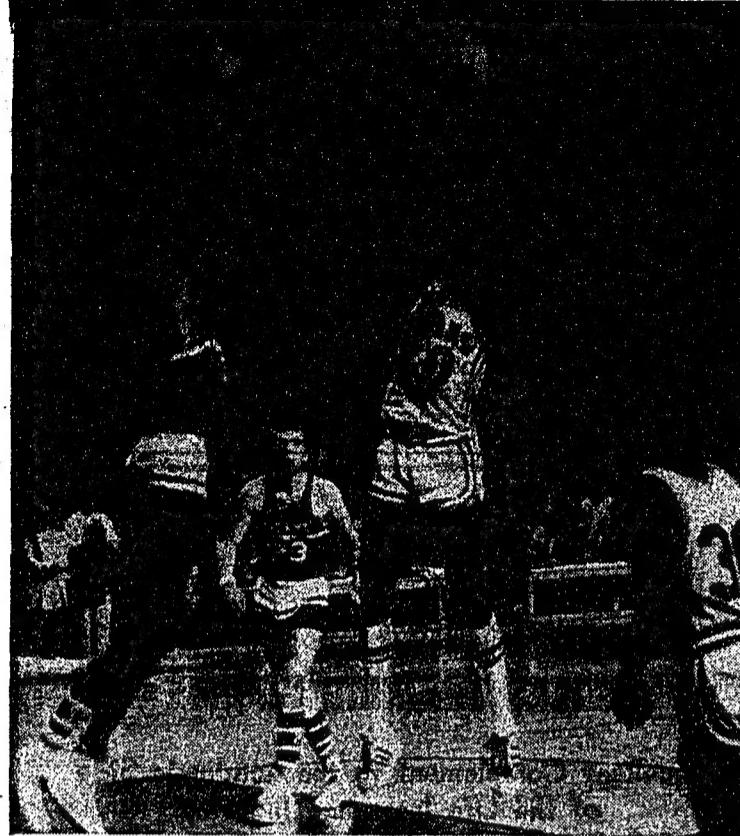
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Arthur Allen (20) arches a two-pointer over the out-stretched arms of Adams State's Jim Gilbert (55).

## UNO Conference King; Adams State Falls, 84-78

By BOB KNUDSON

The clock on the lockerroom wall read 6:30 p.m. One hour before the UNO basketball team would go out on the court for a game against the Adams State Indians for the RMAC cage crown.

The players were talking quietly and poking good naturedly, but there was tension in their voices.

Paul Sieczkowski was pacing nervously. Mark Langer, Steve Kupcho, Jim Etter, and Ed Stephens were viewing a bulletin board, with basketball clippings.

Others made various trips to the mirror to groom themselves, while other team members sat staring at the floor from the gray benches going horizontally across the room.

The time: 6:45. Coach Bob Hanson, and assistants Bob Wilson, and Jim Seward arrive. All players now are sitting on the benches, waiting for pre-game instructions.

Hanson strides to the blackboard and gives the last minute reminders. "All you guards will have to pressure their guards. Pick them up here (draws on blackboard), and make them rush their shot."

He then reminds the others of their responsibilities. Arthur Allen is to guard Ed Kemp, Adams State's high scoring forward. Jim Scott was assigned to 7-0 Jim Gilbert.

Then a final short pep talk before warmups. Hanson calls for an effort from all fourteen team members. He adds, "win this one for yourselves, men. Then you can walk around campus with your heads up."

Hanson continued, "you starters go like hell. Give it all you've got, because there are other guys who can come in and help."

Then the cage mentor lowered his voice and addressed the group sincerely. "Gentlemen, I know that at the beginning you ran your guts out. And I know some of you didn't think it was worth it, but now you can make it all worthwhile by winning this game. Like I said, just go out and win it for yourselves."

They burst out of the locker-

room, shouting encouragement to each other.

The cagers came out running, as Hanson had advised, and raced to a quick 6-1 lead, but then began to hurry their shots. Adams State fought back, and took a 15-10 lead with 13:27 left. The 7-0 Gilbert hit nine of those first 15 Adams points, but was held at bay most of the first half.

The game see-sawed, first the UNO team would score six straight, but Adams would counter with the same number, thus leaving the game tied most of the first half.

The 6-7 Kemp hit a charity toss as time ran out, giving Adams a slim 37-36 lead at the half.

After intermission, the game resumed its first half tempo. For the most part each team traded baskets. Rick Gwaltney replaced the foul-plagued Scott and ripped off the first five Indian points.

Then Arthur Allen went to work, and helped put the Indians ahead with a jumper at 51-45 with 15:26 left. But Adams reeled off six straight to tie at 51-51.

Then the invaders' Kemp went to work, scoring his teams' next eight points while UNO was adding 13 and mounting a 64-59 lead.

## East Coast Striders Sweep Intramural Indoor Track Meet

Three new records were set Feb. 25 at the Men's Intramural Indoor Track Meet in the U.N.O. Fieldhouse.

The record setting events were the 60 yard low hurdles, the 600 yard and mile runs.

In the 60 yard low hurdles, Ed Jones of the East Coast Striders set a new fieldhouse record mark in pacing to a 6.8 sec. clocking.

Sophomore Jeff Fortezzo, a Lambda Chi sprinter, turned in a 1:28.6 timing in the 600 yard run.

The final record of the evening was set in the mile relay, where the PiKaps raced at a 3:57.7 pace. Members of the team were Rex Olson, Dave

## Grapplers Cop Mat Crown at Gunnison

Gunnison, Colo. — The UNO wrestling team snapped a dynasty Saturday night in the Rocky Mountain Conference tournament by rolling up 95 points for first place.

Colorado State College, the winner of the loop title 25 of the last 26 years, finished third, behind host Western State. CSC had 74 points and Western 78.

Adams State, the NAIA champion the Past two years, finished fourth with 57 points.

The Indians swiped four individual crowns, but national champ Roy Washington was upset, 9-3, by Western's Richard Hornbeck. Landy Waller, Bruce Strauss, Jordan Smith and Mel Washington, were the Indian kings.

Bernie Hospodka and Gary Kipfmler were the other Omahans to lose finals matches. Hospodka lost, 5-3, to Ron So-

Yes, UNO  
"has  
everything."  
Smith and  
Mel Washington  
arrive in  
Omaha after  
wins.



den of Colorado State and Kipfmler lost a referee's decision to Ike Sherlock, also of CSC.

Next competition for the Indians is the NAIA District tournament at Fremont Friday.

## PEK Action Alters Turf Plans

(Continued from Page 1) over, that the appropriate University channels be consulted before the administration simply "spoon-feeds" this proposal to the student body."

Cummings, secretary of PEK, asked coaches present at the meeting who selected one-fourth inch Uni-turf. (PEK was

## Indians' Surge Results in Tie

Coach Lloyd Cardwell's UNO track team, last with only six events remaining, came back to tie Pittsburg State, 58-58, Friday night in the Fieldhouse.

South Dakota brought up the rear in the triangular with 43 points.

The Indians won three of the last four events to turn the tide. Chuck Wallerstedt (880 win), Harry Johnson (60 low hurdles) and the two-mile relay team of Wallerstedt, Gordon Sweeney, Wayne Boldt and Steve Schrad, were the heroes.

Other UNO event winners were Johnson in the 60; Mike McCormick in the mile; Pat Rinn in the two-mile run; and Marc Cizek in the pole vault.

Before their comeback, the Indians trailed Pittsburg, 39-29, and also lagged behind South Dakota's 31.

A Saturday engagement at the Southern Minnesota Relays at Mankato, Minn., closes the Indian indoor season.

a strong advocate for a thicker surface, such as three-eighths or one-half inch thick.) One head mentor stated he didn't know of anyone who wanted the thinner surface.

Acting Athletic Director Al Caniglia, Don Watchorn, head of the Physical Education Department, Rachford, Cummings and Fiorelli embarked on a trip to Kansas last Friday to examine synthetic facilities at the Pittsburg, YMCA St. Mary's of the Plains and Iola Colleges.

### Financial Difficulties

Saturday morning Dr. Naylor explained the price differential between a thicker surface and that of one-fourth inch turf (approximately \$20,000). Naylor also explained to PEK and other participants that it would be practically impossible to receive more appropriations from the state legislature to improve the Fieldhouse complex.

Then both Uni-turf and Pro-turf companies presented their product and submitted to a question and answer period.

After a short discussion between students, coaches and administration officials it was decided that full consideration be given for what thickness would be best for a multi-purpose facility.

PEK recommended one-fourth inch Pro-turf with the stipulation that if it's needed, another portion would be added. The Pro-turf representative had stated that another layer could be installed with no problem.

Caniglia added, "If we decide we should have a more cushioning effect, we will make a recommendation. But let's give the one-fourth inch product a chance."

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